



(Revised December 2008)  
ST JUDICIAL COMMISSION  
ATTORNEY JUDGE

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL BE MADE PUBLIC IF THE APPLICANT IS

NAME: DOUGLAS R. BEACH

Current Position: Associate Circuit Judge

2. Are you at least 30 years of age? **61**
3. (a) How long have you been a citizen of the United State? **61 years**  
(b) Have you been a resident of St. Louis County for at least one year immediately prior to the date of this application? **yes**  
(c) How long have you been a qualified voter of Missouri? **32 years**

4. Are you licensed to practice law in Missouri? **yes**

List any other states, courts, or agencies in which you are licensed as an attorney:

**Massachusetts**

5. State the date you were admitted to the Bar in Missouri? **1977**

Missouri Bar Number: **28419**

(In completing items 6 and 7, please account for all time periods between post-high school education and the date of this application.)

6. State the name and address of all colleges and universities you have attended, together with the dates and degrees received:  
**Central Connecticut State University 1966-1970, B.S.**  
**New England School of Law (Cum Laude) 1970-1973, JD**
7. State, in chronological order, your entire working career, including non-legal employment, if any. Include the name and address of each firm, corporation, partnership, or governmental body with which you have been associated, and the dates thereof. (Start with earliest date, conclude with present.)

**See attached:**

8. If you are presently an associate circuit judge and have served for two years or longer, attach a list of ten significant cases over which you presided to completion. Set forth the style, cause number, date and name and current address of the primary attorneys participating in each case, identifying the party each attorney represented. Indicate whether bench or jury tried and give a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome.

**See attached:**

- (b) In addition, you may attach a list of cases you tried as an attorney in the last five years before becoming a judge. Set forth the style, cause number, date and jurisdiction and identify who you represented, whether you were first or second chair and the name and address of opposing counsel. State for each case whether bench or jury tried and give a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome.

**See attached:**

9. Are you able, with or without a reasonable accommodation, to perform the essential functions of a judge including the ability to preside over trials, perform legal research, attend court anywhere in the state, communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing, and expeditiously decide issues coming before the court? **yes**

10. If you have never served as an associate circuit judge or have served for fewer than two years, attach a list of cases you have tried in the last five years. Set forth the style, cause number, date, and court, and identify who you represented, whether you were first or second chair, and the name and address of opposing counsel. Indicate for each case whether bench or jury tried and provide a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome. If, during any of the last five years, you served as a commissioner or in any other judicial capacity, set forth the dates of same and a description of the duties performed.

**N/A**

11. Have you briefed or argued any case in an appellate court? **yes**  
If yes, attach a list showing the citation for each case and describe the extent of your participation in briefing and arguing the case.

**See attached:**

12. Set forth any additional information that demonstrates the quality of your legal work as an attorney.

**See attached:**

13. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? **No**

If yes, provide details, including the style of the case, cause number, name of the jurisdiction, and date of conviction:

14. Have you ever been sued by a client or been a party to any other litigation, other than as guardian ad litem, plaintiff ad litem or defendant ad litem? **Yes**

If yes, provide details, including the style of the case, cause number, name of the jurisdiction and the approximate year in which such litigation was commenced and in which it was terminated:

**See attached:**

15. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or professional conduct by a court or by any bar association or committee thereof? **No**

If yes, provide details:

16. Have you ever been held in contempt of court? **No**

If yes, provide details:

17. If you are or were a member of the Judiciary of the State of Missouri, please state:

- (a) Whether an order of reprimand, removal, retirement, suspension or other disciplinary action has ever been entered against you by the Supreme Court of Missouri for breach of the Code of Judicial Conduct or the Canons of Judicial Conduct? **No**  
If yes, state the nature of such breach, the date discipline was imposed and the exact nature and duration of the discipline imposed:

- (b) Whether a reprimand or admonishment has ever been entered against you by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline for any of the causes specified in Rule 12.07 of the Supreme Court Rules Governing the Judiciary. **No**

If yes, provide details including date the order was entered, the date of your consent, and a description of the conduct you were ordered to cease and desist:

- (c) Whether, to your knowledge, you have been a subject of a complaint and investigation by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline, which did not result in any action by the Commission? If yes, provide details: **No**

18. To your knowledge, have you been investigated by a court or by any bar association or committee thereof for breach of ethics or professional conduct? **Yes**

If yes, provide details: **One client filed a complaint that I did not properly pursue her case because her husband was an attorney. I never agreed to represent her. The bar committee found no improper action on my part.**

19. List all bar associations and other professional societies, of which you are a member, with any offices held and dates:

**See attached:**

20. Describe your community activities, including any organizations, not listed above, with which you are affiliated:

**Board of Directors, Children's Home Society of Missouri  
Program Committee, Kids in the Middle  
Trivia Night Charity Co-chair  
Board Member – Heritage House Exchange Center  
Marine Reserves**

**Past Elder of Bonhomme Presbyterian Church  
Y's Men's Organization  
Incorporator – City of Chesterfield  
Officer – Resident Association  
Trustee Westbury Manor & Oak Subdivisions  
Mission trips Brazil (1996); Honduras 2008 and 2009**

21. Do you now hold or have you ever held any elective or appointive public office or position?  
**Yes.**  
If yes, provide details: **Appointed City Attorney for the City of Chesterfield, 1988-2005**
22. Provide the branches and dates of (a) military service, or (b) other public service, not otherwise covered in this application. If discharged from the military, was the discharge other than honorable? **Yes** If military service continues, so state: **No**  
**United States Marine Corps Judge Advocate – Active duty 1973-1977**  
**Reserves 1977-1993 Retired 1993 Lieutenant Colonel USMCR**
23. List any professional articles or books which have been published or any special recognition or award of a professional nature which you have received:  
**See attached:**
24. Furnish the names and addresses, including zip codes and telephone numbers of not more than five persons, who are not judges, as references with respect to your judicial qualifications:  
**See attached:**
25. State any additional data you deem relevant:

By my signature to this application, I authorize: (1) the Commission by its chairperson to obtain relevant information, including but not limited to documents, records and files with respect to my medical, police or disciplinary records, and (2) the Commission and its members to obtain additional relevant information regarding my qualifications as well as the accuracy of my responses to the questions on this application, with the understanding that the information described in (1) and (2) above is available only to the members of the Twenty-First Circuit Judicial Commission. Notwithstanding the above, in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 10, as amended effective February 29, 2008, if I am one of the three nominees listed on the certificate of nomination sent to the Governor, I authorize the Commission to send a complete copy of this application to the Governor and publicly release a copy of the application with personal and confidential information redacted as identified on the cover page of this application.

I hereby certify that all my statements as made above are correct and that if I am appointed to the office of Circuit Judge of the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, I will accept the appointment, qualify, and promptly enter upon the performance of the duties of that office.

DATE: February 22, 2016

SIGNED: Douglas R Beach

Question No. 7

**Working Career**

1. Raised on a farm [1948-1966]
2. Woodland Dell Cemetery [1966-1070]  
Maintenance Worker  
Wilbraham, Massachusetts 01095
3. Palmer Day Camp [1965-1967]  
Camp Craft Director  
Palmer, Massachusetts
4. Sealtest Milk [1967-1969]  
Door to door delivery  
Springfield, Massachusetts
5. Wilbraham Drug Store [1968-1970]  
Clerk  
Main Street, Wilbraham, Massachusetts
6. Central Connecticut State University [1966-1970]  
Resident Assistant  
New Britain, Connecticut
7. Pool Director, Bearhill Country Club [1970-1973]  
Wakefield, Massachusetts
8. Student Law Librarian [1970-1973]  
New England School of Law  
Boston, Massachusetts
9. United States Marines [1973-1977]  
Judge Advocate Corps [Active Duty]
10. Donald W. Paule, Attorney at Law [1977-1979]  
165 N. Meramec Avenue, Clayton, Missouri 63105
11. University College -- Washington University [1978-1988]  
Associate Professor of Business Law  
St. Louis, Missouri
12. Paule & Beach [1979-1981]  
Attorneys at Law  
120 S. Central Ave.  
Clayton, Missouri 63105
13. Love, Lacks & Paule [1981-1982]  
Attorneys at Law  
165 N. Meramec, Clayton, Missouri 63105
14. Kaveney, Beach, Bond and Mittleman [1982-1987]  
222 South Central  
Clayton, Missouri 63105

15. Kaveney, Beach, Bond, Ullom and Burcke [1987-1991]  
222 South Central Avenue  
Clayton, Missouri 63105
16. Beach, Burcke, Helfers and Mittleman [1991-1997]  
222 South Central Avenue  
Clayton, Missouri 63105
17. Beach, Burke, Helfers, Mittleman & Stewart [1997-1999]  
222 South Central Avenue  
Clayton, Missouri 63105
18. Beach, Stewart, Heggie, Mittleman & Curtis [1999-2005]  
222 South Central Avenue  
Clayton, Missouri 63105
19. City of Chesterfield [1988-2005]  
City Attorney  
Chesterfield Parkway  
Chesterfield, Mo. 63017
20. Associate Circuit Court Judge  
Division 43  
7900 Carondelet Avenue  
Clayton, Missouri 63105

## Question 8

### Cases Tried/Judge All cases are Judge alone

#### Barbara Bryant v. Donald Bryant

06FC-5505     January 2007

Allan Zerman (Petitioner)	Merle Silverstein (Respondent)	Martin Green (Resp)
100 S. Brentwood Ave.	Rosenbloom, Goldenhursh et al.	Green, Jacobson et al
Clayton, Missouri 63105	7733 Forsyth Blvd.	7733 Forsyth Blvd.
	Clayton, Missouri 63105	Clayton, Missouri

This was a divorce with significant assets. Trial involved valuation of over 100 million in art work, business valuations, the determination as to the validity and enforceability of a prenuptial agreement, residential values and maintenance. This case included expert testimony involving the art work and the tax consequences of the sale of assets and the valuation thereof.

#### Mary Lipic v. Joseph Lipic

99FC-5258     October 2007

Nathan Cohen (Petitioner)	Charles Todt (Respondent)	Catherine Keefe (GAL)
210 South Bemiston Ave.	212 South Meramec Ave.	231 South Bemiston Ave.
Clayton, Missouri 63105	Clayton, Missouri 63105	Clayton, Missouri 63105

This was a custody case remanded from the Court of Appeals based upon the decision of a prior court. Matter involved determination of fathers parenting skills and what visitation he should have that would be in the best interests of the children. Involved expert testimony as to mental capacities and psychological evaluations of the parties. One parent found to suffer from Asperger's syndrome. The difficulty was in crafting a parenting plan which would encourage a meaningful relationship between this parent and both children, while protecting the children at the same time.

#### Donald Giddens v. Suzanne Seitz Giddens

05 FC-6314     February 2007

Shawn Falvey (Petitioner)	Jack Hauser (Respondent)	William Grant (GAL)
120 South Central Ave.	165 N. Meramec Ave.	11 South Meramec Ave.
Clayton, Missouri 63105	Clayton, Missouri 63105	Clayton, Missouri 63105

This is primarily a custody action with expert psychological testimony on the mental status of both parents and the children. This matter required the creation of a custody plan that



would protect the children and assure a continuing relationship with their parents. The court awarded one parent sole legal and physical custody of the children however the Parenting Plan created an on going plan for family counseling under the supervision of the Family Court. The hope is to provide a framework for better family dynamics that will assist the children in their relationships with their parents.

**Jennifer Ablan v. Charles Ablan**

04JFC-006248 March 2007

Joyce M. Capshaw (Petitioner)	Francis J. Murphy, III (Respondent)	Virginia L. Busch (GAL)
120 South Central Ave.	11737 Administration Dr.	8195 S. Main St.
Clayton, Missouri 63105	St. Louis, Missouri 63146	St. Charles, Missouri

This was a Motion to Modify filed by mother regarding the custody of two of the children. The parties had voluntarily changed custody and the mother now wanted to return to the original custody plan. The former husband lost his previous employment and moved to another state thus necessitating a change in the Parenting Plan. A new Parenting Plan was agreed to by the parties acknowledging the changes in location of one child and returning one child to mother with whom the child originally resided. The action also included changes in child support and father's motion to terminate maintenance.

**Paul Dorlac v Teresa Dorlac**

07SL-DR01673 November 2009

Jonathan Marks (Petitioner)	Jack Hauser
Four City Place Drive	165 N. Meramec, 6105
St. Louis, Mo. 63141	Clayton, Mo. 63105

This is a dissolution dealing with physical misconduct, division of a marital corporation and business in which each party worked, as well as rental properties, real estate and maintenance issues. Significant issues of misconduct and valuation of the business as well as determining which assets would be best maximized as to their value depending upon which party was awarded the asset.

**Pamela Nelson v. Richard T. Nelson**

06FC-0380 February 2008

Cary Mogerman (Petitioner)	Justin C. Cordonnier (Respondent)
100 S. Brentwood Ave.	8000 Maryland Ave.
Clayton, Missouri 63105	Clayton, Missouri 63105

This is a divorce with the main issues involving the determination of the character of the assets whether they were separate, marital or a combination of both. The trial included the valuation of foreign assets, conversion rates, maintenance, trust issues and the tracing of investments over a long period of time. The court set aside to the husband a significant portion of the assets however ultimately he was not able to establish by clear and convincing evidence

that all of his property was separate. After setting apart the separate property the remaining property was divided equally between the parties.

**Sandra Braun v. Robert Braun**

04FC-11040

Aaron Dubin (Petitioner)  
231 S. Bemiston, Suite 1111  
Clayton, Missouri 63105

Joyce Capshaw (Respondent)  
120 S. Central Ave.  
Clayton, Missouri 63105

This is a divorce proceeding with issues relating to business value and the determination of the actual net income generated by wife's salon business. Further because of husband's incurring of significant credit card debt post separation the court had to assess debt allocation, consider debt payments and to what extent marital misconduct would affect the allocation of the debt. There also was the issue of classifying property acquired from inheritance. The business was valued as an on going enterprise and there was a disproportional division of debt based on conduct and unexplained credit card charges.

**Caroline Meisel v Thomas Meisel**

04FC-11804 November 2009

Susan Hais (Petitioner)  
100 S. Brentwood  
Clayton, Missouri 63105

Catherine Keefe (Respondent)  
230 S. Bemiston  
Clayton, Missouri 63105

This is a modification of custody following a contentious divorce with the major issue centered on physical custody of the two children. Both parties alleged alienation and an inability to co-parent by the other. Both parties called numerous witness regarding issues were the children we intellectually superior and each believed the other parents actions would impede their scholastic growth. The parties were continued to exercise joint legal custody of the children however the Court was required to craft a very detailed and specific custody plan for physical custody and to establish which parent was required to incur what costs.

**Rosa Ambrose (aka Campieri) v Daniel Ambrose**

2104FC-11182-01 June 2008

Venus Harry (Petitioner)  
447 N. Euclid  
St. Louis, Mo. 63108

Daniel Ambrose (Pro se)  
12614 Bradford Woods  
Sunset Hills, Mo. 63127

Mark Kiesewetter (GAL)  
7321 S. Lindberg Blvd.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63125

This is a Motion to Modify based upon allegations of alienation by the children's mother and her boyfriend. The parties were to share custody and decisions making however there developed a toxic relationship between the parties and the significant others which each parent now had in their lives. Both parents had other partners now residing with them and the mother's

male partner was detrimental the children's best interest. Mother however would not take steps to protect the children from the harmful actions and emotions surrounding their living arrangements. The custody was changed awarding the father sole legal custody with a shared but reduced physical custody plan for the mother.

**Lucia Hussain v. Shahid Hussain**

05FC-003628      October 2007

Susan Hais (Petitioner)  
100 South Brentwood Blvd.  
Clayton, Missouri 63105

Theodore S. Schechter (Respondent)  
8000 Maryland Ave.  
Clayton, Missouri 63105

This divorce matter dealt primarily with issues of maintenance and determining husband's income levels. This also involved international custody issues. The mother believed that if the father was granted unsupervised custody of the youngest daughter that he would remove the child from the United States and not return her to mother's care. Expert witnesses testified as to the international custody concerns and the legal ramifications of U.S. custody orders in certain foreign countries. Ultimately a custody arrangement was created that attempts to satisfy safety and security concerns with the international implications and still allow a meaningful relationship with each parent.

Question No. 8 (b)

**Cases Tried As An Attorney**

**Trustees of Green Trails Estates Subdivision v. City of Chesterfield, et al.**

[2001] Cause No. 98CC-000632-7EQ

Division 19, Circuit Court of St. Louis County

Bench trial

Represented Defendant, City of Chesterfield: First Chair

Opposing Counsel: Timothy M. Walters, 6668 Oakland Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63139

Issues of responsibility and liability for maintenance of storm water drainage on private property. City dismissed out after start of trial.

**Lyle F. Maninger v. Kathryn M. Maninger** [2002]

Cause No. 003-05805

Division 15, Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis

Bench trial

Represented Petitioner, Lyle F. Maninger: First Chair

Opposing Counsel: Hardy C. Menees, 121 West Adams, Kirkwood, Missouri 63122

Dissolution action. Issues of maintenance, characterization of separate vs. marital property.

**Timothy S. Hertsel, et al. v. Catherine R. Magallanes** [2002]

Cause No. 11V019604402

Division 4, Circuit Court of St. Charles County

Bench trial

Represented Respondent, Catherine Magallanes; First Chair

Opposing Counsel: Michael A. Turken, 320 N. Fifth Street, St. Charles, Missouri 63301

Change of Custody proceedings from a paternity action and support issues.

**Gordon J. Zobel v. Lisa A Zobel** [2003]

Cause No. 02FC-002408

Division 40, Circuit Court of St. Louis County

Bench trial

Represented Respondent, Lisa A. Zobel; First chair

Opposing Counsel: M. Jill Wehmer, Bonhomme Place, Seventh Floor, 7700 Bonhomme Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dissolution action over maintenance, valuation of property and custody.

**Page Kristine Eccarius v. Norman D. Eccarius** [2003]

Cause No. 01FC-005439

Division 34, Circuit Court of St. Louis County

Bench trial

Represented Respondent, Norman D. Eccarius; First chair

Opposing Counsel: Joyce Capshaw, 120 S. Central, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Modification action where Respondent sought to reduce child support.

**Robin L. Lowy v. Steven R. Lowy** [2003]

Cause No. 01FC-002912

Bench trial

Represented Respondent, Steven R. Lowy; First chair

Opposing Counsel: Merle L. Silverstein, 7733 Forsyth Boulevard, Fourth Floor, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dissolution. Issues of business valuation, psychological issues of wife, marital and separate property.

**Frederick A. Meyer v. Laura Ann Gilstrap** [2004]

Cause No. 4 03 CV01447RWS

United States District Court, Eastern Division of Missouri

Bench trial

Represented Respondent, Laura A. Gilstrap

Opposing Counsel: Thomas M. Blumenthal, 165 North Meramec, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Federal Court hearing under the Hague Convention over the jurisdiction of US Courts over custody issues.

**In Re: Creation of Chesterfield Commons Transportation District, THE Chesterfield Development et al. v. State of Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, City of Chesterfield, St. Louis County Missouri and Monarch Chesterfield Levee District** [2004]

Cause No. 03CC-004985 V EQ

Division 10 Circuit Court of St. Louis County

Bench trial

Represented City of Chesterfield; First chair

Opposing Counsel: Bradley A. Winters, One Metropolitan Square, Suite 3000, St. Louis, Missouri, 63102

Hearing on the constitutionality of a proposed Transportation District in the City of Chesterfield.

**Leo Sobczak v. Mary R. Milcic** [2005]

Cause No. 02FC-11617

Division 34, Circuit Court of St. Louis County

Bench trial

Represented Respondent: Mary R. Milcic First Chair

Opposing Counsel: S. Todd Hamby, 7701 Forsyth Boulevard, Fourth Floor, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Motion to Modify seeking change in custody of minor child.

**Ronald Wuebbeling v. Jill Wuebbeling** [2005]

Cause No. 05FC-000415

Division 35, Circuit Court of St. Louis County

Bench trial

Represented Respondent Jill Wuebbeling: First chair

Opposing Counsel: Leonard Frankel, 231 South Bemiston Ave., St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dissolution on issues of custody and division of property.

Question No. 11

**Supreme Court / Appellate Court Cases**

**In the matter of: Additional Magistrates of St. Louis County, Mo. V. St. Louis County**

Cause No. 61178

Supreme Court of Missouri

Represented St. Louis County Bar Association

Briefed and argued case resulting in creation of two additional courts in St. Louis County

**State ex rel: Scarlett Busch v. William Busch**

Cause No. 71141

Supreme Court hearing on Writ of Habeas Corpus. Co-counsel for writ and oral argument.

Paternity and custody of four (4) year old child.

**Chesterfield Development Corporation v. City of Chesterfield, Mo.**

Cause No. 89-1544-V-7, United States Court of Appeals

Represented Defendant, City of Chesterfield as co-counsel for argument and limited work on briefing.

Land use litigation alleging violation of constitutional rights.

**Chesterfield Village, Inc., Appellant v. City of Chesterfield, Mo. Respondent**

Cause No. ED78444, Missouri Court of Appeals - Eastern District

Argued and briefed.

Suit over rezoning and constitutional issue of taking.

**Chesterfield Village, Inc., Appellant v. City of Chesterfield, Mo., Respondent**

Cause No. SC83747

Argued and briefed. Question was Plaintiff's failure to state a cause of action for compensation from a temporary taking.

**THF Chesterfield North Development, L.L.C. and THF/TMI Chesterfield Office Development L.L.C. v. City of Chesterfield, Mo.**

Cause No. ED81060, Missouri Court of Appeals – Eastern District

Argued and briefed. Review of a Motion for Summary Judgment.

**Lyle F. Maninger v. Kathryn M. Maninger**

Cause No. ED81303, Missouri Court of Appeals - Eastern District

Argued and briefed. Question of maintenance and characterization of property.

**Liberman v Liberman**

Cause No. ED62460, Missouri Court of Appeals – Eastern District

Argued and briefed. Issue of voluntary dismissal.

**Perkinson v. Perkinson**

Cause No. ED64527, Missouri Court of Appeals – Eastern District

Argued and briefed for Respondent. Issue involved incorporation of separation agreements into the Decree of Dissolution.

**Schwartzkopf v. Schwartzkopf**

Cause No. ED74849, Missouri Court of Appeals – Eastern District

Argued and briefed for Respondent. Issues of maintenance and division of property.

**Lenette Realty v. City of Chesterfield**

Cause No. ED76404, Missouri Court of Appeals – Eastern District

Argued and briefed for Respondent. Issue of zoning.



## Question No. 12

### Quality of Legal Work

I have worked to enhance my skills as a trial lawyer and Judge. I was selected as a Military Judge for Special Courts Martial while on active duty. I have written articles on trial practice and a chapter for the Missouri Bar CLE Handbook on trial practice. I had frequently lectured attorneys prior to becoming a judge on matters involving family law, municipal law and land use issues. Since taking the bench I have presented the update on family law to the Association of Associate and Probate Judges both years and I have been asked to present again in the coming year. I have lectured several times to lawyers on court room procedures since taking the bench. My accomplishments during my career include:

- Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers [1986 to present]
- Named to Best Lawyers in America – Family law [1991- 2005] (Not eligible as a judge)
- St. Louis County Bar Association Outstanding Young Lawyer
- Chosen as 1 of 2 lawyers to draft model Telecommunications Ordinance for St. Louis County Cities.
- Chosen as 1 of 3 lawyers to represent 30 cities in litigation of tax issues for St. Louis County Cities
- Lectured on the topics of maintenance, custody, ethics, update on domestic case law, property division, discovery child abuse, use of experts, zoning, land use and evidence.
- Judged Moot Court competition and Client Counseling for high school and law school students.
- Appointed Special Master for divorce cases before taking the bench.
- Appointed as Levee District Commissioner for five years to set valuation on property for three different levee districts.

Question No. 14

**Clients Who Have Sued**

1. I was sued by one client claiming that we had not adequately presented expert testimony in a suit in Federal Court. The issue was the insurance company's denial of a claim for damages arising from the client's house burning to the ground. The malpractice claim was tried before a jury in St. Louis County. The jury returned a Defendant's verdict. I was co-counsel on the underlying case, but it was my client.
2. I sued a client for fees after representing her in a dissolution action. After I filed suit, she filed a counterclaim alleging malpractice. Client claimed a failure to obtain the full value of assets and the failure to discover all of the assets of the marriage. The suit has been dismissed.

Question No. 19

**Bar Associations and Professional Societies**

- Missouri Bar [1977 to present]  
Past Chair of Family Law Committee
- Massachusetts Bar [1973 to present]
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers [1986 to present]  
President, treasurer and executive committee
- Association of Associate Circuit Court Judges [2005 to present]
- National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges [2005 – present]
- St. Louis County Bar Association [1977 to present]  
President, treasurer and executive committee
- Missouri Municipal Attorney's Association [1988 – 2005]  
President
- St. Louis County Municipal Attorney's Association [1988 – 2005]
- Lawyer's Association [1977 – 2005]

Question No. 23

**Professional Articles**

- Author – Chapter on Trial Practice, Missouri Bar CLE Third Edition
- Author – Article on Division of Property
- Contributing Author – Chapter on Medical Records [1984]
- Co author - Law Enforcement Manual for Domestic Violence. [2009]
- Frequent Missouri Bar lecturer on Family Law topics including ethics, child custody, evidence, Division of property, rules, trial practice, maintenance and other topics.
- Lecturer to Associate Circuit Court Judges on the annual update on Family Law
- Lecturer on Municipal Law topics
- Honor Graduate Army Judges School [1976]
- Received Navy Achievement Medal for activities as a Military Judge [1977]
- Negotiator of union contracts for the United State Marine Corps
- Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, St. Louis Bar Association [1983]
- Named in Best Lawyers in America [1991 to 2005]
- Certified Arbitrator for Family Law matters by American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
- Instructor of Business Law, University College at Washington University [1978 – 1988]

Question No. 24

**References**

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St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Additional Relevant Information  
**JUDGE DOUGLAS R. BEACH**

**Background**

Judge Beach was appointed to the 21st Judicial Circuit Bench as an associate circuit judge in 2005. He graduated from Central Connecticut State University with a bachelor's degree in social science and received his juris doctorate degree from the New England School of Law.

Before his appointment to the circuit bench, Judge Beach spent many years in private practice. Judge Beach is a past president of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, past president of the St. Louis County Bar Association, a lecturer on family law Issues for The Missouri Bar, and a member of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Court Judges. Judge Beach serves on the board of The Children's Home Society of Missouri, the Program Committee of Kids in the Middle, and is a member of Bonhomme Presbyterian Church. Judge Beach is a retired lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps.

**Discussion**

The attorneys who responded to the survey questions rated Judge Beach highly in all areas, with slightly higher marks in the areas of treating all people equally regardless of background, preparedness for hearings and trials, maintaining proper order and decorum in the courtroom, legal competency, and understanding the rules of procedure and evidence.

Judge Beach received slightly lower marks in the areas of weighing of evidence before making a decision and giving latitude to parties to present arguments.

Since Judge Beach has served in family court, no juror surveys were available for review.

The committee also reviewed written opinions of Judge Beach. His opinions, particularly those in financially complicated dissolutions and family court matters, are clearly-written and reflect a high level of legal competency.

**Recommendation**

The 21st Judicial Circuit Performance Evaluation Committee recommends that Judge Douglas R. Beach **BE RETAINED**.

**DOUGLAS R. BEACH**  
**21st Judicial Circuit**

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
Treats people equally regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, economic status or any other factor	161	4.37
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	159	4.27
Is not affected by partisan considerations	159	4.33
Is prepared for hearings and trials	159	4.48
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	160	4.17
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	158	4.29
Gives reasons for rulings	157	4.36
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	158	4.28
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	158	4.46
Is competent in the law	159	4.54
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	156	4.38

Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	159	4.36
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	159	4.54
Weights all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	159	4.23
Written opinions and orders are clear	150	4.38
Clearly explains all oral decisions	156	4.41



## BIOGRRAPHY INFORMATION

Douglas R. Beach was appointed by Governor Matt Blunt as Associate Circuit Court Judge for St. Louis County Missouri in 2005. Judge Beach graduated from Central Conn. State University in 1970, and received his law degree from New England School of Law (Cum Laude) in 1973. He retired from the United States Marine Corps Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel where he served as Judge Advocate.

He was in the private practiced law in St. Louis being named in the Best Lawyers of America publication for 10 consecutive years. Was an incorporator of the City of Chesterfield in 1988 and served as the City Attorney for 17 ½ years before his appointment to the bench. Judge Beach as been assigned to the Family Court since he was appointed in 2005. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and is a frequent lecturer on Family law and other legal topics.